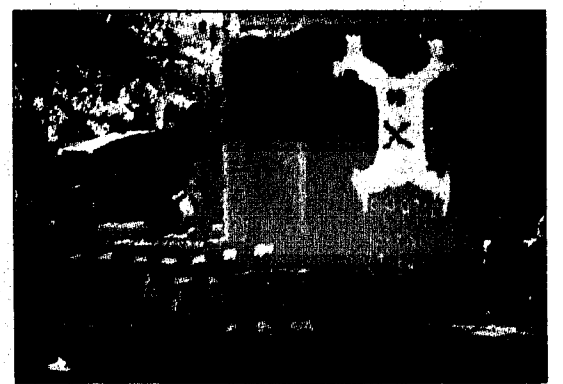




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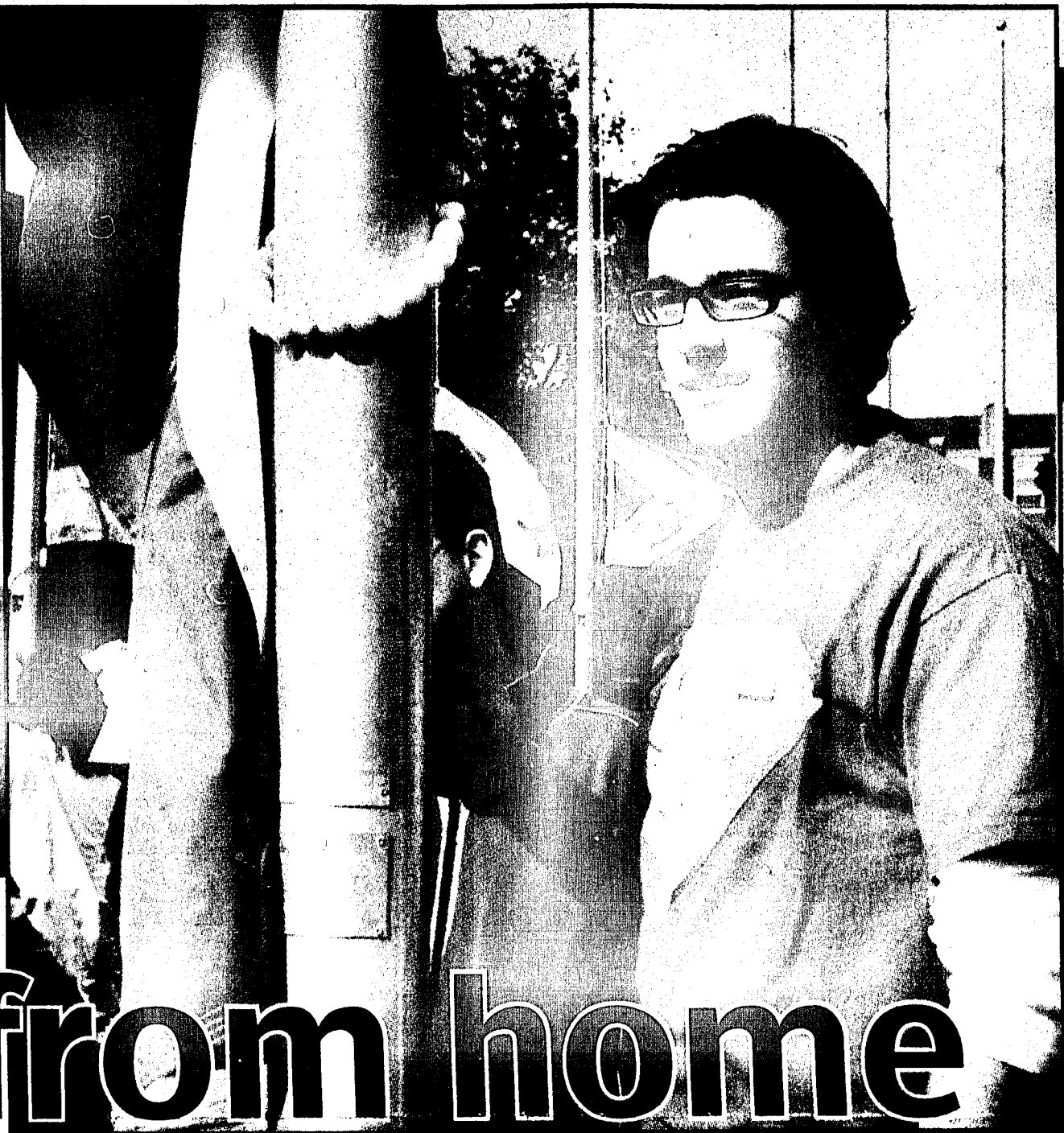
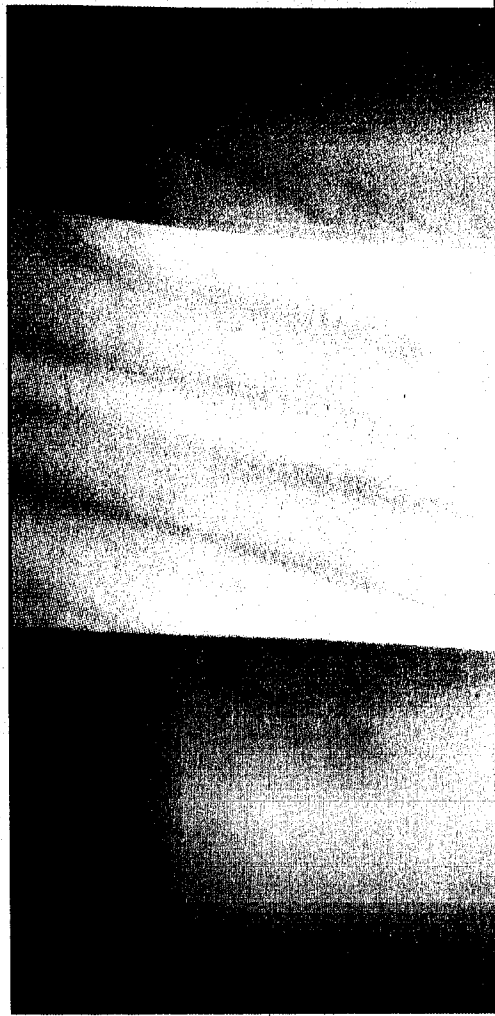
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PROFILE



Far from home

International student settles in at Northwest

By Lisa Houtchens
University News Editor

A lifelong dream came true this fall. Rik Hellewig, from Bergen Terblijt a small town near Maastricht, Netherlands, has always wanted to come to America to study abroad. And this fall he got the opportunity to do just that.

"I have always wanted to study in America," Rik said. "That is one of the reasons I wanted to come here to experience campus life."

When Rik was looking at universities, an adviser mentioned studying abroad.

"And he said 'yes I want to do that' and that was two years ago," Liane said. "He has said that for a long time, it was his dream."

His father, Leo, thought giving their son the opportunity would be beneficial to not only Rik but the rest of the family, he said.

"It is a great opportunity," Leo said. "And it would be a great experience coming to America."

After working for two years to save enough money to study abroad, he chose to come to a school in Missouri. Rik's first choice was to study at Missouri State and his second choice was Northwest.

Rik was accepted to Northwest and they sent applica-

tions.

As Rik began his preparation for Northwest he sifted through the school Web site to find classes that interested him for the fall trimester. But while he was figuring out classes, he found that many of the classes he wanted to take were only offered in the spring trimester.

Arriving at Northwest, he knew he was going to share a room with somebody he didn't know and he would have to use English often, he said. For the last three months he has made many friends and has changed in many ways, while studying abroad, Rik said.

His family decided to visit Rik during his sisters' fall break which was the same week as Northwest Homecoming.

His family enjoyed Homecoming week and the activities the campus and community hold such as the parade and flag raising, they said.

As part of Homecoming celebration Rik raised the Flag of Holland and walked with the Intercultural and International Center in the parade.

"I enjoyed seeing Rik raise the flag," Liane said. "And meeting the people he studies with."

After the first few days being at the University, his family noticed how kind and inviting Northwest was during their visit, and how willing they were to learn about them, unlike Holland. They also noticed a difference in Rik, they said.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RIK Hellewig gets ready to raise the Netherlands' flag for the 10th annual Flag Raising Ceremony Friday at the International Plaza.

Mapping out Maastricht



ALUMNI

Alumnus given award for lifetime achievements

By Katie Luers
Chief Reporter

Fifty years after graduating from Northwest, George Maher received the distinguished alumni award.

He won the Distinguished Alumni Award because of all his life accomplishments. He received the medal and trophy at a dinner in September. The award is given out yearly and determined by a board after nominations are received, Alumni Relations Director Steve Sutton said.

Maher was dumbfounded when he heard about the award. He was honored he was chosen out of thousands of alumni, Maher said.

"At my age, the only good things you expect to hear are at a eulogy," he said.

Maher has lived in Red Oak, Iowa his entire life.

"You couldn't blast me out of the Midwest," Maher said.

He prefers friendly rural towns, but likes to have metropolitan areas nearby.

"I like to walk down the street and talk to people," Maher said.

He fought in the Korean War after high school and began college at 26 years old.

After marrying in November 1956, Maher had his first child while he was still in school. The war and school helped mature him, he said.

Being a veteran matured him quickly. It is a very "regimented" lifestyle, but it had a positive effect on his life by teaching him supervise, Maher said.

After the war he entered Northwest and graduated from the University in two years. He credits the admissions faculty member Dr. Robert Foster, who later became the seventh president of the university,

See **MAHER** on A5

LOCAL NEWS

Area institutions honored with 2008 Missouri Quality Award

By Whitney Keyes
Managing Editor

Historically, Northwest and St. Francis Hospital are no strangers to winning the Missouri Quality Award.

And this year is no exception.

The two Maryville institutions won the award for 2008, given by the Excellence in Missouri Foundation.

It's the University's fourth consecutive win; Northwest received the honor in 1997, 2001 and 2005.

"I want to extend my most sincere thanks to the campus community - to Northwest's incredibly dedicated faculty and staff who work so hard to constantly improve our processes and programs and give our students every opportunity for success," President Dean Hubbard said in a statement Friday.

"Everyone can take pride in the help they provided in taking us to this unprecedented level of achievement."

This will be St. Francis' third MQA, following honors in 1996 and 2004.

"We always strive to be exceptional, and we appreciate this recognition," said Gray Cox, St. Francis

See **AWARD** on A5

ELECTION 2008

Candidates speak to college, community

By Katie Luers
Chief Reporter

Candidates on the Nodaway County ballot will meet during two forums tonight.

Northwest will hold a forum at 4 p.m. in the Union ballroom. Later the community will hold a forum at 7 p.m. at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

Candidates at the forum will include the two candidates for sheriff, the candidates for the fourth district representative to the state, the Nodaway County collector/treasurer and the county coroner. The Democratic candidate for state treasurer, the Democratic candidate for Nodaway County Public Administrator, the District Nodaway County Commissioner and others will also attend the forum, Student Senate Vice President Brooke Beason said.

Each candidate will be called up by position, and given five minutes to speak.

See **FORUM** on A5

IIC

MOSAIC celebration begins today

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

MOSAIC might appear as a conference, but it is really a celebration of life.

The Intercultural and International Center will host the Midwest Organization of Students Advancing Interculturalism today through Saturday.

The conference preparation is going more smoothly than last year, Minority Affairs Director Ame Lambert said.

The IIC faculty mainly carried the conference its first year. Last year, IIC students had a vision and ran with it, Lambert said.

Preparations began sooner this year. Students also formed committees to make sure MOSAIC is a success, Lambert said.

"This year I feel like I am more of a supporting cast member," Lambert said.

This year's MOSAIC will begin with an international film festival, unlike the past two years which began with a forum and discussion. The film festival will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 in the J.W. Jones Student Union. It will continue from 2 until 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 in the IIC Living Room located on the second floor of the union.

"We are trying something new and having an international film festival," Lambert said.

Registration begins at 6:45 p.m. on Oct. 24 in the Performing Arts Center. The welcoming and opening will begin at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Lambert said.

The first set of competitions are from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. after the opening. These competitions include vocal music, gospel choir, Latin dance and instrumental music, which is a new competition to MOSAIC.

Friday night entertainment consists of a speaker and a comedian, Lambert said. This is the first time both a comedian and a speaker are the entertainment. There are more presenters this year as well.

"We are expanding our view this year by having both a comedian and a speaker," Lambert said.

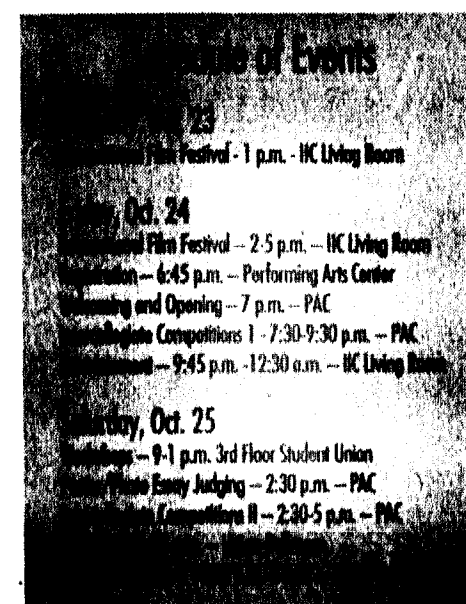
MOSAIC will continue on Saturday with morning workshops. The American Indian Pow Wow Grand Entry will take place at 2 p.m., while the conference continues with another set of competitions from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

These competitions consist of Indian

dance, poetry or original oratory, spoken word, a variety competition, high school dance, non-Greek step or dance and a photo and video essay competition.

They will be judged by a panel and will look for creativity, originality

See **MOSAIC** on A5



CAMPUS BRIEFS

Cause of student death announced

Preliminary findings indicate the death of Joseph Dickson, from Danbury, Iowa, died Tuesday, Oct. 1 of a heart attack that may have been caused by a hereditary condition.

Annual Powwow set for this weekend

Northwest will hold the fifth annual Powwow. Celebrating Native American Culture and tradition.

The Powwow will take place from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday Oct. 25 at Bearcat Arena.

The event is free to the public and will feature singing, drums and dancers in full regalia.

A scholarship will also be awarded to one or more recipients that is supported by private donations and proceeds from the sale of T-shirts.

Fundraiser benefits kids in need of winter apparel

Today's Civic Women and Campus will hold the 2nd annual 'Coats 4 kids' at 1 p.m. Nov. 1 at Bearcat Stadium.

The two organizations are collecting new and gently used coats, hats, gloves and mittens to give to area children in need.

For more information contact Ray Ottman at (660) 562-1254 or e-mail at rayo@nwmissouri.edu.

Pianist to perform next week for Encore series

Encore performing arts series will continue with pianist Mac Frampton and the ThreePenny Symphony, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27 in the Performing Arts Center.

Frampton is a celebrated pianist and arranger and over the last 20 years, his group has played more than 3,000 concerts around the world.

Orchestra seats are \$22 and balcony seats are \$20. Tickets can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Student Services Center. Or call at 660-562-1212.

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GEOLOGY

Student crowned top geologist

By Stacie Ziska
Missourian Reporter

If you ask a 7-year old "What do you want to be when you grow up?" you'll probably hear something like astronaut, singer, or even "mommy" or a "daddy."

But how many 7-year olds would answer that question with "paleontologist?"

At least one. Northwest senior Ashley Leger recently won the O.R. Grawe Award. This award is a prestigious honor awarded to the top geology student in Missouri. The Association of Missouri Geologists presents this award annually.

Applicants must be nominated by a professor, have two letters of recommendation and write an essay explaining their future goals in the geological field. The committee also looks at the students' academic transcripts and what activities the student is involved in.

Leger was shocked at receiving this award. In fact, she almost deleted the email notifying her of the occasion, she said.

"I was blown away. I never expected any of this to happen. I just wanted to go to school, get my degree and work with mammoths," Leger said.

Receiving the award some of her professors received was an honor for Leger.

"To be ranked with my previous professors who have also received this award is just an overwhelming feeling. I mean, these are all people I have looked up to as mentors,"

Leger said

Leger is heavily involved in the geology department as an officer in the Geoclub, teaching assistant, lab assistant and office assistant, or as a member of the many other geology organizations on and off campus.

Assistant professor John Pope appreciates Leger's hours of dedication and hard work.

"She is just one of those students who has a real love of geology," Pope said. "She doesn't just like it, she loves it."

Leger's passion for geology started when she was 7. Her family went to South Dakota and stopped at the mammoth site in Hot Springs.

"I fell in love with it. I was just mesmerized by the whole concept. There were these giant mammoth footprints painted up the whole walk way and I remember jumping from footprint to footprint and then looking at my mom and saying that's what I want to do when I grow up," Leger said.

After graduating in the spring, Leger would like to attend graduate school to receive her doctorate in paleontology. Leger would like to go back to the South Dakota mammoth site, where it all started and where she also did a summer internship.

"Since I love it so much, I like conveying it to other people. If I can get other people to be interested in what I love, then I have succeeded. Because somebody when I was seven did a great job as a tour guide and instilled that love in me. I would



TOP GEOLOGY STUDENT Ashley Leger talks of how she won her award, while showing the Mammoth bones.

like to help someone else out," Leger said.

Leger was nominated for this award because she always goes above and beyond, but also because her dedication to geology and to all her school work, Pope said. Usually Pope does not ask sophomores to conduct undergraduate research projects but he felt that Leger was dedicated enough to handle it. Not only did Pope help nominate Leger, he also got to present the award to her.

Pope was a previous O.R. Grawe winner in 1995. He said he was extremely proud of Leger for her accomplishments.

"I get more satisfaction seeing a

student win it, then actually winning it myself. Especially Ashley who is dedicated and has put in all the hard work," Pope said.

Pope said that Leger is always eager to learn more, and she is always willing to do whatever is needed to get the research. Leger's passion and dedication to geology would get her far, he said.

Leger said geology could be interesting and relevant for everyone.

"You don't have to be a geology major to learn something new about the planet you live on. Geology isn't just another gen ed (general education) requirement but it is actually a class you can use in real life."

FLAG RAISING



International students, locally, and the Maryville community, flood the International Plaza for this past Friday's 11th annual flag raising ceremony.

International flag raising celebrates 10th anniversary

By Marshall Carlson
Missourian Reporter

For students in a country half a world away, getting to show a piece of their home to Maryville is a great honor. The University hosts an event which allows international students to raise their nations' colors for everyone to see.

Last Friday, Northwest did just that at the Flag Raising Ceremony at International Plaza across from Colden Pond. Approximately 300 Northwest students attended the ceremony to watch degree-seeking international students hoist a total of 34 flags representing 32 different countries.

International Affairs Director Jeff Foot was at the event.

"It gives international students a chance to show pride in their home country," Foot said.

The students can see their own country's flag, which acts like a symbol showing them that Northwest Missouri State is as much their home as a student from Iowa, Nebraska or even Maryville, Foot said.

The plaza was built in 1998 when a generous donation was given to the college by an anonymous donor, Foot said.

This was the 10th anniversary for the event. Northwest student Chris Vanverloh was also at the ceremony.

"It was a very cordial and informal gathering," he said, but also said that it still conveyed a great and positive message of togetherness and acceptance.

See GRADUATION on A5

THANK YOU

To Northwest Missouri State University and City of Maryville:
I cannot begin to tell you what this past weekend meant to me. I never ever dreamed I would someday ride in the Homecoming Parade as the Marshal. It was such a honor that I can't even begin to express my gratitude - to the number of people along the parade route that cheered "Irma" and waved - and to have my two great grandchildren from Topeka, KS to ride with me definitely brought tears to my eyes.

Thanks so much to Bob Bush for escorting my great grandchildren and I in the parade.

Thanks to all of those involved for being so kind - I will never be able to thank you enough. The whole week was wonderful.

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COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Annual Fright Night haunts Maryville Community Center

Tomorrow night will mark the fourth annual Fright Night at the Maryville Community Center.

The event will begin at 6:30 with two separate "haunted" rooms. One room will be for older kids and one for the younger ages. Boys and girls ages 3 and up are welcome to attend.

Admission at the door will be \$3. For more information, call 562-2923.

Children invited to dress up for city's trick or treat event

The 13th annual Trick or Treat Night is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 30.

Forty-five downtown businesses will hand out candy and other treats to costumed children from 5 to 7 p.m.

Maryville Public Safety D.A.R.E. officer Rick Small and Maryville High School D.A.R.E. role models will be on the north side of the Courthouse Square handing out glow sticks to trick-or-treaters.

Event flyers with a map can be picked up at the participating businesses. More than 1,000 children participated in last year's event and even more are expected this year, said Kathy Rice, event coordinator.

For more information, call 582-3681.

Clinic registration deadline is tomorrow

Registration ends tomorrow for the Youth Basketball Clinic offered by Maryville Parks and Recreation. The clinic is open to youth in third through sixth grade. The Maryville RII School District High School basketball coaches will serve as clinicians. For more information, call 562-2923.

ELECTION 2008

Coroner candidate has experience as funeral director in Maryville

By Chris Lee
Community News Editor

A fifth generation family member in the funeral business, Democratic coroner candidate Jeff Bram brings years of experience to the table.

Bram has resided in Nodaway County for 38 years. He attended Maryville High School and then Northwest for a couple of years. He graduated from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in 1984, and works as a licensed funeral director and embalmer ever since.

Bram, along with his wife Kim, owns and operates Bram Funeral Home, which opened in May 2007. They also own and operate Miriam Cemetery of Maryville, Inc. since June 2007.

Bram is trained in the safe and humane handling of the human body, he said.

"The manners of death have risen over the years and I feel a trained funeral professional is probably the best position for the county coroner," Bram said. "I can't think of a... profession that more parallels a county coroner's position in a county the size of Nodaway County as a licensed funeral director and embalmer."

Four out of the five counties bordering Nodaway County have elected a licensed funeral professional as coroner, Bram said. "The counties in the state of Missouri that have the same requirements as Nodaway's for the coroner's position, have elected a licensed funeral professional in more than half the instances," Bram said.

Bram will bring his expertise, compassion and experience in dealing with the families of the deceased he said.

"I strive to live by the golden rule, which is to treat others the way that I would like to be treated."

Bram decided to run for the coroner's position because he thinks he brings a lot of experience and knowledge to the position.

"I have been asked by a lot of people to do it," Bram said. "I have a lot of friends and acquaintances throughout the state that do it and have worked for years in this profession with the county coroner. I would like to give something back to the citizens that support me."

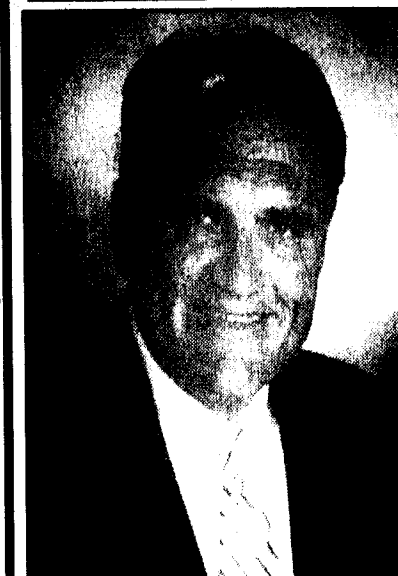
Bram is involved with First United Methodist Church, Nodaway Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge and Lions Club. He also is a past district president of the Missouri Funeral Directors Association. The family support behind him is excellent, he said. His family joined him in this past weekend's Homecoming parade as well as other area parades and events.

"We've started going door to door," Bram said. "My wife and kids love it. We are getting a lot of good response."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

City keeps registration average

By Kiley Swopes
Missourian Reporter

A lot can happen in four years, especially when it comes to voting.

Within that period of time, people change, causing them to re-register, County Clerk, Beth Walker said.

"Students move here to go to school so they must register in Nodaway County to vote," Walker said. "After they graduate they have to re-register at their new permanent address."

Since Jan. 1, Maryville has kept its average of 2,253 residents who have registered to vote. Anywhere between 83 and 92 percent will actually go to the polls, Walker said.

As a right when United States citizens turn 18, many people have

their own reasons as to why they do or do not vote.

"I registered because I have always gone to the polls with my parents; I remember going behind the curtain with my mom and pretending like I was the one voting. I always wanted to put the ballot in the box as we left," sophomore Carli Mercer said. "My parents encouraged me to register as soon as I turned 18."

Ninety-five percent of people register at the Missouri Department of Motor Vehicle where they fill out a state form with general information, Walker said.

Registering to vote was made easy for students and faculty by having registration cards located in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Many students waited until the last day to register. Volunteers on

campus registering students turned in more registration cards on Oct. 8 than any other day, Walker said.

"The process to vote is simple," Mercer said. "I just filled out a voter registration card and sent it back in, and then I received a card in the mail telling me I was registered and exactly where to go vote."

However, some students decided not to re-register in Nodaway County.

"I chose to vote by absentee ballot back home in Columbia, Mo.," sophomore Molly Ramsey said. "I went online and researched the local courthouse and they sent me a form to fill out and send back at my own cost."

Unless voting by absentee ballot the official day to vote is Nov. 4. If you have any questions call Walker at 582-2251.

TRASH TO TREASURE



MARYVILLE RESIDENTS BROWSE through items during a sale Saturday at HODGE PODGE on East First Street. The store offers "unique and affordable" items for the home and garden and is only open twice a year - on Homecoming Saturday and the first Saturday in May.

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OUR VIEW

Be prepared for other items on state ballot

Before you head to the polls in 11 days, make sure you familiarize with what will be on the Missouri ballot besides McCain/Palin and Obama/Biden.

Missouri will vote on two amendments to the state constitution and three propositions. No ballot initiative will affect taxes, with the exception of proposition A. You can find more information at the Missouri's Secretary of State Web site: SOS.mo.gov/elections/2008ballot.

Amendment 1 merely adds a statement that the official language of the state of Missouri shall be English. It will have no cost and no discernible impact of any kind, except to confirm what everybody already knows, which is that you should probably speak English. At a time when this nation has real problems to deal with, it seems petty that our state government should spend its valuable time on such a measure.

Amendment 4 addresses certain types of tax-exempt bonds, specifically ones used to finance stormwater control projects. It would move away from grants, or money given to entities that does not have to be paid back, to loans, money the state will eventually get back. This measure may save the state up to \$7,500 per bond.

Proposition A is a complex issue that requires scrutiny. On the surface it promises to provide \$105 million to \$130 million more for education, and \$5 million to \$7 million for higher education. This is possible by repealing individual maximum loss limits, a law that previously said you can only lose so much money at one time in a casino. The tax on casinos would also increase 1 percent.

While more funding for education is enticing, it's important to consider the effects repealing this law might have. This repeal is equivalent to a convenience store owner forbidding cashiers to refuse the sale of cigarettes to known chain smokers because that would prevent the customers from paying for more packs.

Proposition B would create the Missouri Quality Homecare Council. The council would ensure quality homecare is available to the elderly and disabled, an important issue in the face of the rising costs of nursing homes, and some questionable practices.

Finally, Proposition C will gradually require utility companies to purchase or generate more renewable energy. The required amount will increase 2 percent in 2011, to 15 percent by 2021. Companies will not be allowed to increase rates they charge their customers beyond 1 percent. If you believe it is important to become less dependent on foreign oil, you must consider voting for this proposition.

This is a general sketch of the issues on the upcoming ballot. If you're interested in some of the people running for office, be sure to attend the candidate's forum at 4 p.m. today in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Our View" - Oct. 9, 2008

Obviously, whoever wrote that politically biased piece has shown himself to be a Biden worshipper (Botox-ed forehead and all).

Reading this piece of crap I could hardly believe we watched the same debate!

I'm sick to death of morons saying McCain - Palin is more Bush! Are you brain dead? Listen to what they say for once, will you?

Hey, I wear pancake makeup. Hate me! I wear lipstick. Hate me! I say "gosh darn" once in a while. Hate me!

Where was your outrage when Clinton was getting it on with his little girlfriend in the Oval Office? Where was your outrage when old Ted Kennedy drowned his girlfriend at Chappaquiddick? Where is your outrage at Barack Obama rubbing shoulders with the self-professed domestic terrorist, Bill Ayers?

Gee, Not one person I spoke to said they were the least bit

impressed by Biden at the debate. Not one. And my friends are from both parties. I wonder what you think you heard that none of them heard.

Obama's pet organization "Acorn" is defrauding America's voting places with thousands of illicit voters. But hey, he and Biden don't wear pancake makeup or lipstick, so they must be OK, right?

I appeal to all you college kids: use your smarts. John McCain is not George W. Bush. Sarah Palin is a governor of a huge state! She is loved in that state, and she is respected for what she's done for the people of Alaska. Don't hate her for wanting to look nice. You'd have to hate me, 'cause I want to look nice. Is that a crime? I think you kids are smarter than that, and I respect you for it. Don't buy into the hate.

Susan Moore
Maryville

OPINION



MY VIEW

Bush still gets shaft during latest gas price plunge

The Bush administration is finally doing something right — too bad that it's occurring at the end of its reign.

Americans watched one of the biggest drops in gas prices this past week. Although the record for the biggest gas price drop was set in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina, the sudden dip below \$3 is a huge relief to citizens. Prices dropped below \$2.29 in Springfield, Mo. and are predicted to keep dropping. Most think this is due to the crisis on Wall Street and directly correlated with the stock market.

With the belief that gas prices are affected by the stock market, it is not surprising one would think the sudden drop in gas prices would not increase any amount of hope

citizens had about the ever-rising prices. Since the stock market's fluctuation mostly resembles that of a yo-yo, the rise after a sudden drop in the price of gas is expected — eliminating hope. Recent studies, however, show there is very little hope among gas buyers that prices will ever drop below \$2. A poll on Cnn.com surveyed nearly 86,000 people and the general consensus is the under \$2 gas era is just a pleasant memory. Perhaps if citizens realized gas prices are not a direct effect of the happenings on



Darleen Denno
Contributing Columnist

Wall Street, hope could be restored.

The reaction to these prices is astounding. The constant increase in gas prices since 2006 had citizens screaming at the administration for its job poorly. However, now that gas is gradually slipping into what is reasonable, a second thought about the Bush administration has not occurred.

No gracious attitudes are accompanying Bush as he exits the White House. The American people are angry that gas prices are high and angrier that they are still

rising. The slight glimmer of hope that gas prices are current dipping below \$3 is crushed by the constant reminder that it will not be this low for long. Bush is trying to fix what went wrong, and no recognition is received, due to his own failure of keeping the trust of the people.

According to Energy for America's Future, the Bush administration decided to take initiative and increase fuel production after hurricanes Gustav and Ike — an amiable effort that succeeded.

Will Bush get the recognition he deserves? Absolutely not, but at least he will have the satisfaction within himself for easing tensions with gas prices.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As the election nears, we are bombarded with political advertisements and we all get a little weary of the endless flyers in our mailboxes, recorded messages on our telephones and television commercials.

Yet I feel compelled to do my own informal on a local race that I feel should be of great importance to all Nodaway County residents — that of Marilyn Jenkins, Democratic candidate for Nodaway County Collector Treasurer.

This position is a pivotal office within the structure of county government. As County Treasurer, this office holder must work closely with the Commission and County Clerk to ensure that funds are available when needed and yet invest wisely to meet the ever increasing price of goods and services needed to effectively and efficiently meet the needs of Nodaway County citizens.

In this troubled economy it takes much diligence and good accounting skills to meet the challenges of shrinking tax dollars.

Marilyn has experience in making decisions related to investments, budgeting, and expensing funds. And not only is this office holder faced with the challenges of being the Treasurer, but must add to the list of responsibilities the collection and distribution of more than 20 million tax dollars for all taxpayers and taxing entities throughout the county.

Marilyn Jenkins began her government service with Rex Wallace in the Assessor's office. There she learned the assessment procedures for taxing property, meeting state requirements for assessments, balancing books and turning over the assessments to the County Clerk for extension.

Two years ago, Marilyn came to work for me in the Collector Treasurer's office and proved to be a very valuable resource in my office.

She has completed training in preparing tax statements, collecting and distributing those taxes and timely reporting to taxing entities and the State of Missouri and was instrumental in

preparing for and implementing centralized tax collection after the legislature eliminated township tax collectors.

As a result of working in both offices, Marilyn understands the tax system and all of the software programs required for preparation and collection of taxes from the start of assessment through the distribution of those tax dollars.

She truly is the one candidate who has the experience and knowledge to fulfill the duties of this extensive office. She is responsible, fiscally conservative; a team player with the other elected officials in the county and dedicated to serving the citizens of Nodaway County to the best of her ability.

I cannot be strong enough in my endorsement of her and ask for your support of her on Nov. 4.

Mary L. Noel
Nodaway County
Collector Treasurer

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MAHER: Alumna gets award for achievements

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for helping him work out his schedule, he said. Maher realized that he needed to graduate quickly to help support his family, he said.

He worked in the furniture business for 12 years before leaving to join the Houghton State Bank in Red Oak. He joined the bank for a more challenging job with potential for advancement, he said.

Maher became president of the bank in 1977. He purchased the bank with a group of people in 1986. The group later sold the bank, but Maher stayed on the staff as the chairman of the board.

He survived hard times with the bank during the "farm crisis" of

the mid-1980s. The economy in the Midwest suffered and he saw several people go bankrupt, Maher said.

The most important value to him is family. He has lived in the same house with his wife for 50 years and enjoys having family close. His house is "home to all my kids," he said.

Maher's family acts like a group of friends, eating dinner and traveling together, he said.

He traveled much during the Korean War and visited many places since the war. Maher has traveled to every state and about 16 countries including some in Europe and Africa.

Regardless of his travels and business experience, he has not changed much, Maher said.

"Maybe, as you get older, you have a better understanding of people's problems," Maher said.

GRADUATION: Career Services tracks placement

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and are asked about their current job and if it is relevant to their degree, Schneider said.

In order for graduate placement ratings to continue to grow, students need to understand their major and the market, along with how to form a resume focusing on those things and getting experience through internships, Stokes and Schneider said.

With the economy in a downward slope, it is a concern for graduate employment in terms of placement numbers decreasing, Schneider said.

"Given the current state of the economy and uncertain future, that

students will have more difficulty than they have in the past," Schneider said. "It is more important than ever to be proactive."

Student Dan Scheuler, broadcast major, will graduate in December and has filled out many applications for radio stations and newspapers and he is also looking at graduate school for his MBA, he said.

As for finding a job once he graduates he feels he won't have too much of a problem.

"With the economy I am not too worried about finding a job," Scheuler said. "I think the economy is fine, if you are well qualified and present yourself that way you won't have any problems."

STUDENT: Changes noticed

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"It's great to see how Rik has changed, in the few months he has been here," Leo said. "He finds his own way and goes with the flow."

Rik has even noticed the change in himself and his ability to step out of his comfort zone.

"Being here for these months it is easier for me to do these new things," he said. "I'm just letting

it all sink and am learning to just go with the flow and see what happens."

The semesters fly by when he just lets things come and go as they are, he said.

The last few months have gone by quickly for the family. They communicate through Skype and e-mails. Skype allows both users to see each other as they communicate. The visit allowed the family to see everything and

experience the things they read about.

It is very comforting for his mother to know he is doing well and can see where he lives, goes to class and the friends he has made, she said.

"At first it takes me a while to open up to people," Rik said. "What helped me a lot was people being so open around here, and getting involved with people and activities."

FORUM: Candidates deliberate

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Then the audience may ask questions to each candidate, associate political science professor David McLaughlin said.

"I do not know what issues will crop up, but the sheriff's race is always lively," McLaughlin said.

Beason hopes for a good turnout and that students will care enough to show up, she said.

"It is a place to help educate the students so they can make informed decisions," she said.

McLaughlin recommended the forum setup to her, and they set the date directly before the community forum to help draw candidates, Beason said.

The candidates will speak about the issues relevant to the students and Nodaway County and what stances they support. One of the more interesting candidates may be a libertarian that is speaking, she said.

The forum will not only be to view the candidates for political office. Professor Dan Smith in the political science department will

read the propositions on the ballot to the audience. There will be at least five items to read.

The Northwest candidate's forum is sponsored by the Northwest Business and Professional Women chapter, Young Democrats, College Republicans and Political Science Club, Beason said.

The community forum is sponsored by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce and the Maryville Citizens for Community Action, a community betterment organization.

AWARD: Institutions take prize

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Hospital and health services director, in a statement Friday.

The award, which comes after an in-depth, almost 50-page-long application, is a useful to get feedback for the University, said Paul Klute, assistant to the president.

Northwest pays \$4,950 to turn in the application. Once the application has been turned in, it is read thoroughly and then scored. The score determines whether or not

the University will receive a site visit, Klute said.

"Most institutions of higher education will hire consulting firms and it's much cheaper than that," Associate Provost Douglas Dunham said of the cost to apply. "It's a language legislators understand. They understand that we're being good stewards of taxpayer's money, that we're an efficient organization."

The application also served as a model for Northwest's upcoming

re-accreditation procedure.

Institutions that fall under the MQA's categories can apply every year, but if given an award must wait three years before becoming eligible to win again. Northwest applies every year, and uses "off years" to analyze the MQA judges' feedback.

Hubbard and Cox will receive the awards on Thursday Nov. 20 during the 2008 Excellence in Missouri Conference at the Tan-Tar-A resort near the Lake of the Ozarks.

MOSAIC: Students get a little culture

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and structure, Lambert said.

In order to make MOSAIC a success, it has to be publicized a lot, student Brent Rice said.

Rice has worked on the conference for three years now, and this year he was in charge of publicizing and promoting the event.

He has made many fliers and posters for the event, while he has helped to post the fliers and talk about MOSAIC with other University students.

This year, the workshops are more student-related, Rice said.

"We're expecting people to be very pleased with the workshops this year," Rice said.

"They are more collegiate and culturally relevant to today's students," Rice just wants people to attend and be active in the conference.

"We want to be able to continue the conference so it can become a staple conference at Northwest," Rice said.

MOSAIC should not be looked at as a conference, but a celebration of life, Lambert said.

"It's our opportunity to communicate with people that everyone is a puzzle piece of life, and everyone is needed to complete the puzzle," Lambert said.

So far, there are eight schools registered to attend MOSAIC, Lambert said.

Lambert is completely confident that MOSAIC will continue and be a tradition at Northwest.

"With the support from the IIC office, the students can carry the event," Lambert said. "It (MOSAIC) is a labor of love."

Tickets are on sale now at the IIC front desk in the Union. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for the public.

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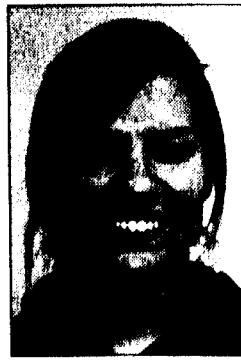
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How did the presidential debates influence your vote?



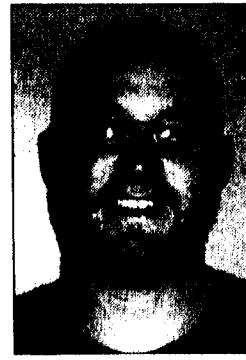
"The debates didn't influence my choice because I did not watch them. It is hard to find time but I have been reading about them so I feel well informed."

Kaylee Hegholz
Elementary Education



"I only had the chance to watch one of the debates ... my main influence is from reading articles off of CNN."

Kristen Bambolt
Elementary/Early Childhood Development



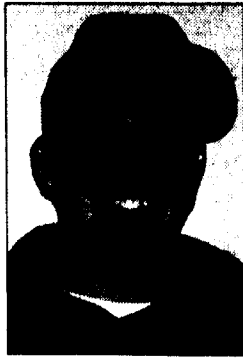
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"I was able to see how they stand on different issues that are important to me."

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photo by Chris Lee
community news editor

Variety Show

Skits

3rd place receives a Certificate and \$400 and it goes to: Alpha Delta Pi & Alpha Kappa Lambda
2nd place receives a Plaque and \$450 and it goes to: Phi Mu & Tau Kappa Epsilon
1st place receives a Trophy and \$500 and the winner is: Phi Mu Alpha

Parade

Floats

Competitive Floats
2nd Place receives \$750 and a plaque goes to: Delta Zeta & Alpha Kappa Lambda
1st Place receives \$900 and a trophy and the winner is: ATA & CFFA

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1st Place receives \$2500 and a trophy and the winner is: Sigma Sigma Sigma & Phi Sigma Kappa

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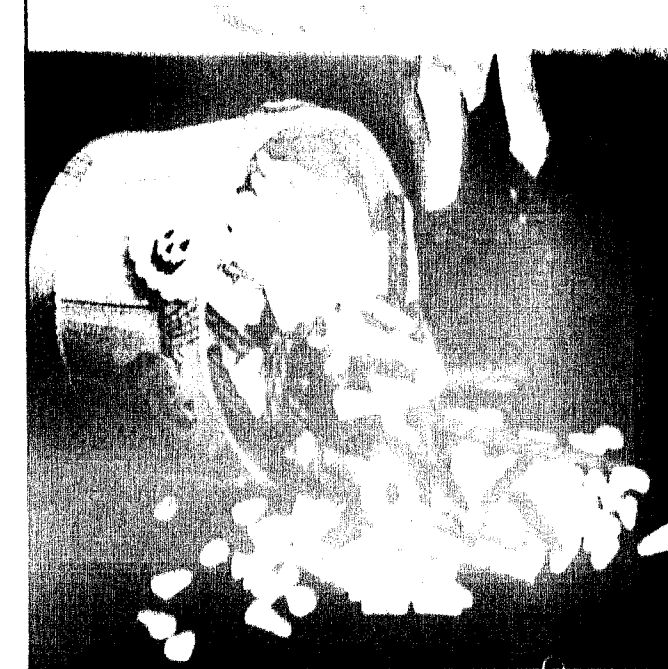
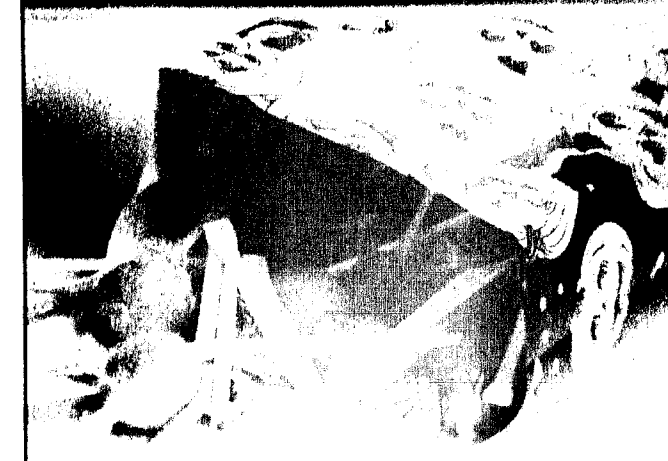
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KRISTIN REMBOLT AND Brandon Clark compete in the Homecoming Variety Show. Phi Mu Alpha won this year's overall competition.

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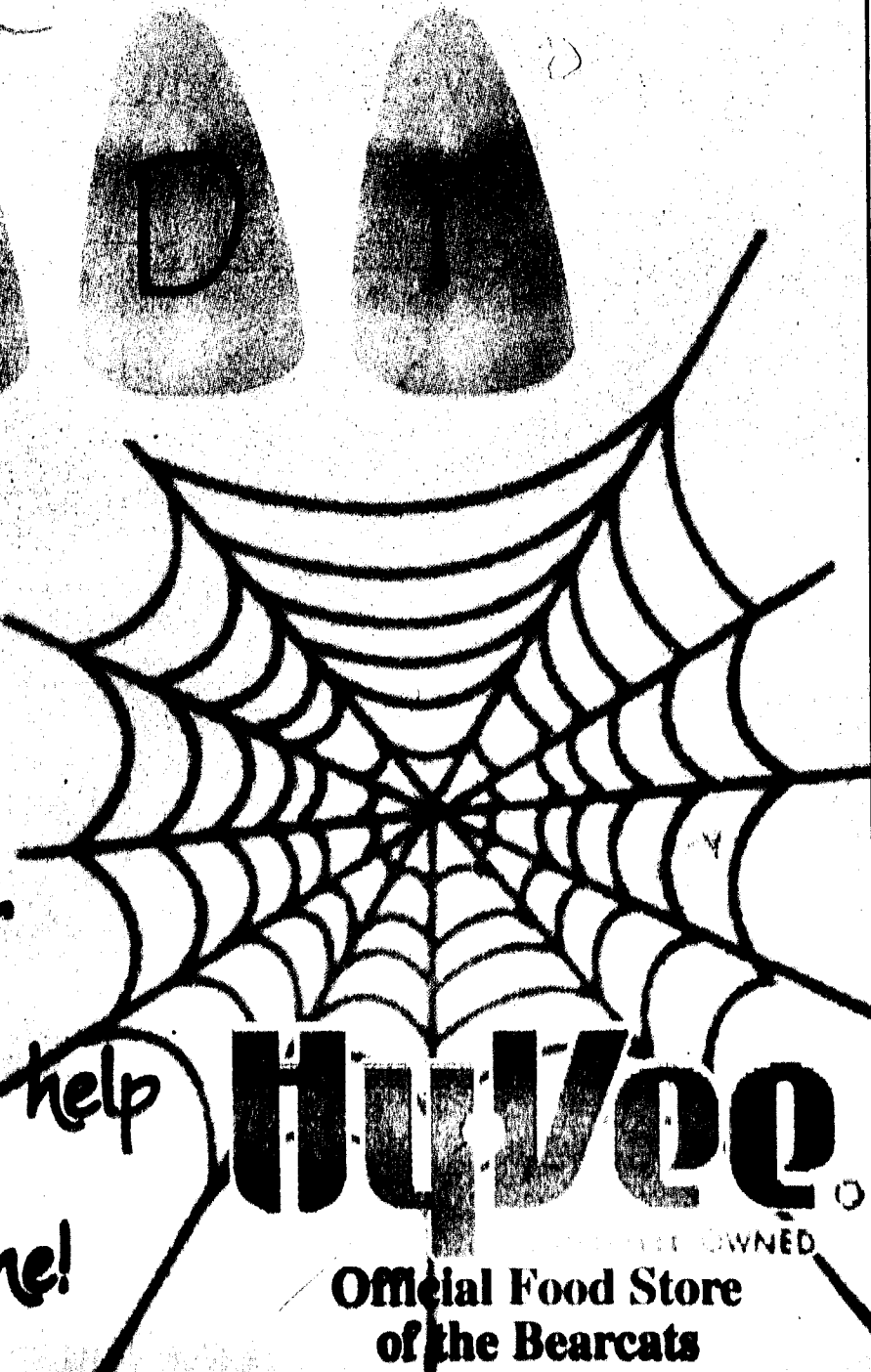


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MHS FOOTBALL

Senior returns from injury in district route

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

Big plays and defense continue to produce wins for Maryville as they thrashed Trenton 40-7 Friday night in the "Hound Pound."

The Spoofhounds' first drive began 98 yards away from a touchdown, but a 70-yard run by senior running back Adam Mattson gave Maryville a lead they would never relinquish.

Senior John Schreck also scored in the

opening quarter on a 28-yard reverse. The 'Hounds ended the first quarter ahead 20-0.

The 'Hounds offense fell into a slump in the second quarter though and didn't score again until less than a minute in the half.

"It's just so frustrating," head coach Chris Holt said. "The last couple weeks, we've not practiced with great energy and great effort, and that leads to second quarters like that. We're going to run into some better competition, and we're going to get beat doing stuff like that."

The next scoring flurry for the 'Hounds came in the opening minutes of the third quarter.

Mattson moved Maryville 64 yards in a three play drive (all carries by Mattson) that ended in a 22-yard touchdown run. Only senior John Farmer carried the ball on the 'Hounds next possession as he raced 63 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the drive.

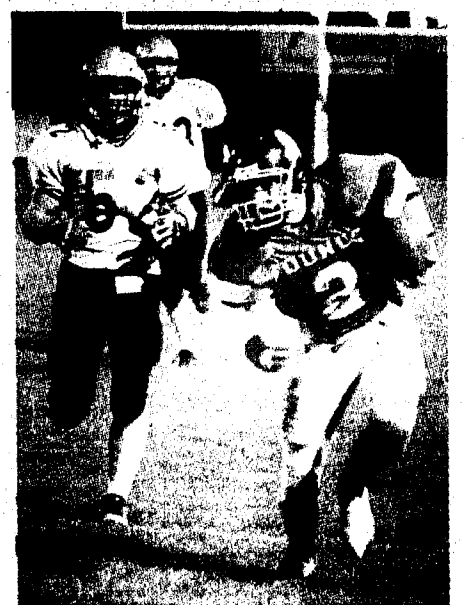
That score finished Maryville's scoring at 40-0 with 8:01 left in the third quarter. "We might gotten a little cocky (in the

second quarter) and didn't execute that well," junior tight end Adam Thompson said. "(At halftime) the coaches just told us we weren't working hard enough."

Trenton added a late touchdown on an Ethan Bunnell quarterback sneak. By that point in the game Holt had already pulled the starters and let the junior varsity gain some varsity experience.

Mattson and Farmer each ran for more yards than the entire Trenton offense gained.

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JUNIOR PUNT RETURNER Derek DeMont returns a punt for a significant gain in Friday's 40-7 victory over Trenton.

photo by Seth Cook
Chief Photographer

SPOTLIGHT

COUGARS TO 'CATS



KATIE SWENSON, RACHEL NISI and Sara Falcone (from left to right) get the chance to team up once again in college.

High school trio stick together by becoming Bearcats

By Christopher Woodland
Community Sports Editor

For the better part of a decade, whenever Northwest setter Katie Swenson has put the ball up, more often than not either Rachel Nisi or Sara Falcone have been nearby.

Nisi, Swenson and Falcone all attended Gross Catholic High School in Omaha, Neb., together and now all play volleyball for the Bearcats.

Each has a distinctive personality that meshes with that of the other two. Nisi is the outspoken one, Swenson is the cool one, and Falcone is the joker who can't keep a serious face.

"Sara is my roommate, and Katie and Rachel live right next door so we're together all the time," teammate Amber Ryan said. "We all get along really well. Sara is the goyball, the one we all make fun of. She always makes all these ridiculous faces, and does things that we're just kind of like 'Sara... what? ... no!'"

Sitting and talking to Nisi, Swenson and Falcone together, their differences are obvious. Swenson and Falcone are fun of Falcone for wanting to live in Texas more than any place in the world. Nisi picked Greece and Swenson said Italy.

Nisi and Swenson have been playing volleyball together since eighth grade but knew each other even before that.

"We lived by each other for a while, and played volleyball together," Swenson said. "Rachel's dad was good friends with my parents."

The youngest of the three, Falcone met Nisi and Swenson through league

volleyball, but didn't begin playing with them until her freshman year of high school.

In many ways together, they have traveled from coast to coast and won championships, but always stayed close.

During their time at Gross High, they traveled to San Francisco where they participated in a tournament and defeated the California state champions.

Earlier this year, they went to New York City for a tournament.

"It was so much fun. We went to the Statue of Liberty, and ground zero and everything," Swenson said.

During their free time in New York, they also came into contact with a Chinatown entrepreneur of sorts.

"In Chinatown we went and got rip-off prices," Nisi said. "These guys called us over and they looked to make sure nobody was walking by. They opened this door in the back, and then they wouldn't let us out until they were sure that nobody was walking by."

While at Gross High, the trio helped bring a Nebraska state volleyball championship to the Cougars. Nisi and Swenson topped off their high school career with a 25-3 senior year record, and a win over Hillburn in the state championship game.

The trio split up fairly following very successful high school volleyball careers, but teamed back up after a year apart to join the Bearcat volleyball team.

Nisi and Swenson graduated from Gross High School in the spring of 2006. Swenson immediately enrolled at Northwest, while Nisi began school at Midland Lutheran College, and Falcone finished up her senior year of high school.

See 'CATS on B2

PLAYER BIOS

Favorite movie
Sara — 40 Year Old Virgin
Rachel — Wedding Crashers
Katie — Forgetting Sara Marshall

Favorite food
Sara — pizza
Rachel — pasta
Katie — steak

Favorite place to vacation
Sara — Cancun
Rachel — Florida
Katie — Florida

Want to live
Sara — Texas
Rachel — Greece
Katie — Italy

NW FOOTBALL

Ichabods pose defensive threat

By Marcus Meade
Sports Editor

Over the last three years, the Ichabods have become quite a nuisance for the Bearcat football team during conference play.

Last season, they held the lead until a touchdown with less than a minute remaining gave the 'Cats a one-point win. Two years ago, they kept things close against the 'Cats losing 32-26. And three years ago, Washburn handed Northwest their last conference loss.

"They're very well coached on both sides of the ball," coach Mel Tjeerdema said. "Defensively, they always match up with us real well. They're a physical team so we have to be physical when we play them. So,

it's a good match up, and it's been a good match up."

This season, Washburn enters its showdown with the 'Cats on a four game winning streak, all conference wins. The streak comes on the heels of two conference losses in a row, one to Central Missouri and a surprising, loss to Fort Hays.

Washburn appeared to be struggling at the quarterback position early in the year, Tjeerdema said. Now, they've settled on redshirt freshman Dane Simoneau. Simoneau had been splitting time with sophomore Jake Iverson.

"Offensively, they've just been up and down," Tjeerdema said. "I think their quarterback is a part of that. They've also had some injuries on their offensive line."

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JUNIOR STRONG SAFETY Ike Urum-Eke strips the ball from Fort Hays quarterback Anthony Smith in Saturday's homecoming victory. Urum-Eke recorded two tackles for a loss and a forced fumble during the game.

MHS GOLF

Tough course, nerves don't keep team from enjoying state experience

By Dustin Sander
Assistant Sports Editor

Maryville golf suffered from nerves and inexperience Monday and Tuesday at the state golf tournament.

The Spoofhounds finished in ninth place in state competition at the Fremont Hills Golf Course in Nixa, Mo. Their top finisher was sophomore Shannon McClellan in 57th place. She was the only team member who had been to state before.

McClellan said the girls had a lot of fun and had a great experience even though the results weren't what all the girls had hoped for.

"It was a great weekend," coach Brenda Ricks said. "It was a great experience for them. None of them played as

great as they wanted to but I don't think anybody, not even them, understands the pressure they're under."

The girls experienced something they never faced before in their young careers, a gallery. With the exception of McClellan, no one had played with much of an audience.

"It was really different. Normally, we have people come watch us, but they don't clap and stuff," senior Kim Hanna said. "It was a little awkward, but you get used to it after the first couple of holes."

Ricks and the girls all said the biggest challenge was the course they were playing.

The course showed no resemblance to their home course at Mozingo Lake.

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VOLLEYBALL

Blue Ladies own 'Pink Out'

By Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

Tuesday night was the annual "Pink Out," where fans are asked to join the Northwest volleyball team in "spiking out breast cancer."

The 717 fans in attendance, a new volleyball record, could not help the Bearcats upset No. 7 Washburn. The loss dropped Northwest to 7-15 overall and 4-6 in the MIAA.

One of the areas head coach Anna Tool looked on improving from last week was not getting off to a slow start. It appeared the 'Cats had fixed that problem staying close to Washburn the entire first set and even stealing the lead from the Lady Blues at one point.

After the lead change, there were many short rallies from both sides, leaving the 'Cats on the losing side of a 20-25 first set.

"I think it (the improvement) came from our practices," sophomore Sara Falcone said. "We've been working on speeding up

our offense and not running slow ball to the outside. We were really working on our shoots. I think that played a big part because we were more aggressive and ready to go."

The 'Cats were led by their freshman hitter Alex Hanna in set one. Hanna tallied five kills. Both Tool and Hanna agreed it was no surprise to see the freshman step up and play such a key role for the team. The two said they had been working on pushing the ball to Hanna's side a lot in practice and felt confident in her ability to carry that over into the game.

In the second set it looked like the 'Cats were going to take control of the match early jumping out to a 3-0 lead, but then hit a dry spell giving up seven straight points to the Lady Blues.

"I just don't think everyone was as focused as when we started," Hanna said. "They came out and thought we were going good. We kind of let back and took off some when we should have just kept going."

The 'Cats went back to their old ways starting the third set slowly getting behind Washburn 8-16 before making a four point rally cutting the lead to five. The high-powered Lady Blue's offense proved too much for the 'Cats from then on dropping the match 25-16.

The team was impressed with its ability to fight and inability to give up. The team continued to hustle and make rallies even when behind to the nationally ranked squad.

"It says even though we're young, we feel we can beat anyone," Tool said. "I think that is huge for them not to settle for just competing. They want to go after it and fight for the win every time."

The record setting crowd did not go home empty handed though. They did get to witness one Bearcat reach a milestone, as sophomore captain Paige Spangenberg became the 12th 'Cat to record 1,000 digs.

The 'Cats will have their next chance to come away with a win at 7 p.m. Friday at Fort Hays.



photo by seahawk chief photographer
SOPHOMORE OUTSIDE HITTER Ieshia Hoskins attempts to record a kill in Washburn's 3-0 sweep of Northwest. Hoskins had 6 kills on the night.

SCORE BY QUARTER

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(7-1) 14 14 21 7 — 56

TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	Fort Hays
418	Total yards 334
39	Total plays 83
133	Rushing yards 73
18	Rushing attempts 39
0-0	Fumbles-lost 9-1
285	Passing yards 261
21	Passing attempts 44
2-14	Sacks-yards 0-0
16-21-0	Comp.-Att.-Int. 30-44-0
1-28	Punts-yards 6-208
10-7	Off. yards per play 4.0
17	First Downs 26
7-60	Penalties-yards 9-91
0-0	Int.-yards 0-0
3-0-4	Third downs 10 of 19
0 of 0	Fourth Downs 1 of 2

SOCCER



photo by seahawk chief photographer
THE BEARCATS DROPPED another close battle last weekend. Kiera Lazebny made a season-high 13 saves for the 'Cats Saturday, but the offense was unable to produce a goal as they lost 1-0 to Washburn on Saturday. Five of their six losses have come by one goal. The 'Cats play Emporia today at 2 p.m.

'CATS: Women continue their friendship into college

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"I recruited Katie Swenson from high school in the first spring I was here," head coach Anna Tool said. "The following January, Rachel Nisi checked with us about transferring from Midland Lutheran College. She's someone we hadn't really looked at when she was in high school, but she was interested in transferring, and they just happened to go to the same high school."

For Nisi, the chance to play with her high school friends and teammates gave her extra incentive to move to Maryville.

"(Katie) had a lot of impact because she was already here, and my coach had talked to her, and I knew Sara was working on coming here," Nisi said.

Now in their second year together as Bearcats, Nisi was named team captain, Swenson leads the team in assists for the second straight season, and Falcone is fourth in kills.

Their role in the group does not change once they step on the court, "Rachel is definitely the most vocal of the three, and kind of out-

wardly shows her energy and emotion. She's definitely a high energy player out there," Tool said. "Katie is definitely more reserved, and Sara is kind of the in between one, who can be somewhat of a talker at times, but then also kind of on the quiet side."

Despite the long friendship, they are still learning new details about each other.

"I'm ambidextrous," Swenson said.

"What?" Nisi said. "I write with my right hand, but play sports with my left," Swenson said.

Inevitably, the day will ultimately come sooner or later when they are no longer teammates and neighbors.

"It seems weird, I can't imagine not playing with you guys now," Swenson said to Nisi and Falcone.

Living up to her outspoken role, Nisi was more sarcastic in her thoughts about the length of their relationship.

"I don't know, they just won't go away," Nisi said.

WASHBURN: Defense may be difference against Ihabods

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Ultimately, it may not be the Washburn defense that gives the 'Cats trouble; it may be a very athletic Ihabod defense, senior offensive lineman Jeremy Davis said.

"Defensively, they're probably the best defense we've seen so far," Davis said. "So, it's going to be a challenge for us."

The Ihabods allow 16.2 points and 327 yards per game with an emphasis on playing physical, Davis said. Tough defense, Davis said, is probably the reason Washburn has been able to compete with the 'Cats lately.

Northwest has the task of moving the ball on the Ihabods without the help of two-time All-American left tackle Reid Kirby who will miss his second week after arthroscopic knee surgery. Last week, sophomore Dane Wardenburg filled in and did well, Davis said, but missing a player of Kirby's caliber always hurts.

"Dane stepped in and did a phenomenal job," Davis said. "When Reid's not in the huddle though, you kind of miss a leadership. It's going to be up to me, Matt (Nelson) and Tom (Pestock) to step up for that missing link."

But Northwest has a tough defense of its own. Through eight games, the 'Cats are allowing 17.1 points and 299.2 yards per

game, this after they allowed 72 points and 817 yards in their first two games.

Senior cornerback Brandon Clayton has watched his defense grow through the first eight games.

"We get 11 people doing their jobs," Clayton said. "That's the biggest key. Our motto is to play fast, play physical and play focused. And like coach (Scott) Bostwick says '11 people playing with their hearts on fire' that's the key to our defense."

One task the Northwest defense faces is stopping Washburn's senior running back Brandon Walker who's been fighting injuries lately but may be ready for Northwest.

"They want to line up, they want to control the game," Clayton said. "They want to run the ball and be physical."

The Washburn contest comes as Northwest moves higher in the regional rankings. After West Texas A&M lost to Abilene Christian last week, the 'Cats moved into the No. 2 spot while Abilene moved to No. 1. Washburn sits at 10th, while Pittsburg and Central Missouri sit at 3 and No. 5 respectively.

Washburn and Northwest meet in their regional match up at 1 p.m. Saturday in Topeka, Kan. at Yager Stadium.

SPOOFHOUNDS

SOCCER

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SENIOR FORWARD Jon Rogers goes up for a header from a corner kick during Monday Senior Night game against LeBlond.



By Taylor Flora
Missourian Reporter

Despite only one fourth of the team being seniors (9-20), the young Spoofhound boys' soccer team is making a run in the final weeks of the regular season.

On Monday, in front of a large crowd, the Spoofhounds hosted the LeBlond Eagles for their annual senior night at home.

"We especially wanted to win for our five seniors," junior John Morton said. "It was also nice to beat LeBlond twice this year because we have struggled against them in the past."

The team played well together and as a unit, coach Stuart Collins said and beat LeBlond by the final score of 6-1.

"We moved the ball extraor-

dinary well, and it was just and overall well rounded game for us," Collins said.

Senior Jon Rogers led the Spoofhounds with three goals on his own, while fellow seniors Hector Hernandez and Billy Stephenson and freshman Chris Holtman added one goal each.

"Jon really shows everybody how to play the game, said Collins. "He plays with this hunger to score."

In addition, senior goalie Christian Falcone left the game with a shutout before Collins took him out in the second half so he could get recognition at his final home game.

A day after their win on senior night, the boys traveled to Chillicothe to face the Hornets. Chillicothe scored first and once again

before halftime and took the 2-1 lead into the locker room.

"In the first half, we played real fragile, and they took us out of our game and how we like to play," Collins said.

The 'Hounds came out of the locker room with a new attitude, Collins said. Rogers again led the 'Hounds with another three goal game including the winning goal in the 78th min. The final score was 3-2.

"We pulled together as a team and found out what works and what doesn't work and made the adjustments at halftime," Falcone said.

The team is currently 12-8 on the season and will play Cameron on the road for its final regular season game at 4 p.m. Tuesday. Districts start Nov. 1.

GOLF: Course causes problems for young team

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"It was a course like they've never played before," Ricks said. "It was real tight there was lots of out of bounds, and the fairways were lined with trees and holes. They had to have straight drives and the greens were really slick."

Sophomore Amy Van de Ven said the fairway was hard with shorter grass. This made hitting the ball like hitting off a dirt ground as opposed to Mzingo where the grass is softer and longer.

Next season, the girls want to play a variety of courses during the season. Fremont Hills featured Bermuda grass, which the girls never saw before Monday. Also, playing tighter courses would help the girls in the long run of the season unlike the wide-open Mzingo.

Ricks said she is looking forward to next season already. Her team this year had two sophomores, and one freshman who all gained a lot of experience this weekend at state.

"We're three girls that will go back to state next year," Ricks said. "I'm already looking forward to that."

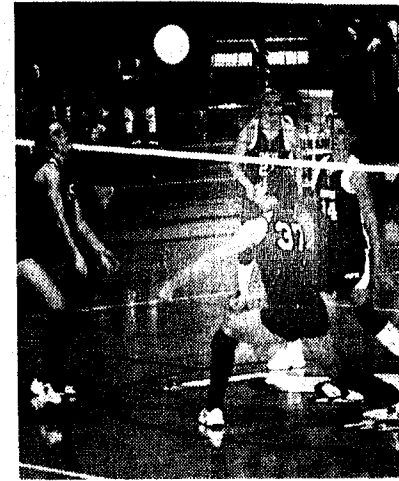


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PLAYING AGAINST FAIRFAX Jordan Shiers, 37 and Libby Howell, 15 go for the ball.

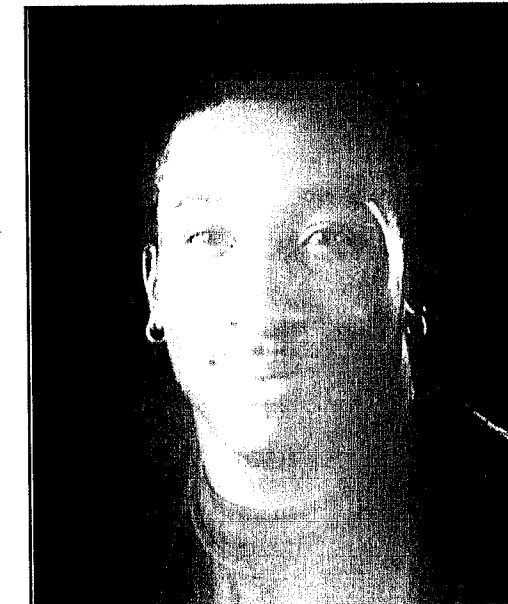
The 'Hounds fell to Smithville 2-1, taking the first game but losing the next two.

The Spoofhounds move on to compete in districts on Monday before sectionals begin Nov. 1.

NORTHWEST & MARYVILLE HIGH

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Ike Urum-Eke Paige Spangenberg



Urum-Eke was one of many Bearcats to excel in the teams 6-7 rout of Fort Hays. Urum-Eke recorded six tackles, two tackles for loss, one forced fumble and one sack against the Tigers. The Northwest defense allowed 334 yards to the struggling Fort Hays offense.



Spangenberg reached a milestone in her career with her 1,000th dig Tuesday. Though the Bearcats didn't get a victory, she becomes the 12th person in Northwest history to record the feat. Spangenberg is in her second year with the 'Cats.

Jon Rogers



Rogers, a senior, came up big in a night honoring seniors when he scored three goals against LeBlond Monday. His performance against LeBlond was duplicated Tuesday against Chillicothe when he scored another three goals to give his team a 3-2 victory.

Shannon McClellan



McClellan led the Spoofhound girls golf team during the state tournament with a 57th place finish and a final score of 208. Her second round was her best when she shot a 101. As a team, the 'Hounds finished ninth over the weekend.

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'The Express' opens the door to questions, emotions

After seeing the movie "The Express," I came away from the theater hating myself because of the color of my skin.

"The Express" is about Ernie Davis, the first black man to be awarded the Heisman Trophy. The movie covers Davis' life and the struggles he encountered as a black athlete in the 1950s. Davis played for a national championship football team at Syracuse, but he wasn't just playing to win a game, he was playing to prove to the world that a black man could be a great player.

After watching white fans throw broken bottles at Davis as he entered the field, I began to feel ashamed. I was ashamed of white people,

ashamed of my race. I left the movie hating myself for all of the cheap shots that went "unseen" by the racist referees. Mostly, I was ashamed there were so many people who felt there was nothing wrong with what they were doing; there were no feelings of remorse for such horrible actions.

Movies like these inevitably have me fighting back tears. Racism and segregation are things that no matter how hard I try, I will never understand. I know the movie takes place in a different time period, but I still have trouble believing people could be filled with such hatred.

"The Express" does a great job

bringing the tragedies of racism to life and educating those of us who were not around to see the atrocities first hand.

Although I left the theater with a feeling of hatred for the color of my skin, I also brought an extreme case of inspiration home with me that night.

I won't give too much of the movie away because it was a great movie not only for sports fans but anyone. After seeing the many obstacles and challenges Davis was forced to overcome, I was left thinking there is nothing I couldn't accomplish. I know that's something we've heard ever since we were kids, but Davis lived it. He faced more adversity than most of us will ever encounter in our lives and overcame it.

Even though the movie made such a huge impact on me I know because I'm not black there is a

WHAT TO WATCH

Marc's TV picks Friday

•War Games, DVD, 9 p.m. — It's a classic. Matthew Broderick stars as a hacker who accidentally causes and prevents nuclear war.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Saturday

•Northwest at Washburn, LIVE, 1 p.m. — I've never been to Topeka, Kan. Should be fun — not the city, the game.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

•Buffalo at Miami, CBS, noon — Forget the Chiefs; this game should be good. Two surprising teams that actually exceed expectations.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Brian's TV picks Friday

•Fever Pitch, FX, 11 p.m. — One of my favorite movies of all time. Jimmy Fallon is funny and hilarious.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Saturday

•Nebraska at Baylor, Versus, 11:30 a.m. — A win here puts Nebraska only one win away from Bowl eligibility. Hell yes!

Days rating (5 of 5)

Sunday

•Hook, TBS, 11 p.m. — After the World Series you can tune in for one of my childhood favorites. RuuuphiOOOOOO.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Woody's TV picks Friday

•Ocean's Eleven, TNT, 7 p.m. — Well I'm going to be at a high school football game at this point, but this is what I would be watching.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Saturday

•The Breeder's Cup, ESPN, 2:30 p.m. — Every gambling fiend and bookie needs to tune into this.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Sunday

•Chiefs at Jets, CBS, noon — Alright, so the game is bound to be horrible, at least I think my box is the same as the others this week.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Dustin's TV picks Friday

•Eight Men Out, TMC, 8 p.m. — There's not a World Series game on tonight, but I still found a way to some baseball.

Days ratings (3 of 5)

Saturday

•Oklahoma State at Texas, ABC, 2:30 p.m. — I'm excited to see what Texas does this week with their quartet of four top 10 teams in four weeks.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Sunday

•Rays at Phillies, Fox, 7 p.m. — Come on, it's the World Series, anyone reading this page had better be watching every game along with me.

Days rating (5 of 5)

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Top 4 picks of the week

By Brian Johnson
Entertainment Reporter

New in theaters: "Saw V" will be hitting theaters Friday. The latest installment in the series has a new Jigsaw follower played by Costas Mandylor ("Beowulf")



carrying on his games, along with all new cast including Julie Benz ("Rampage") and Mark Rolston ("The Shawshank Redemption"). Fans of the series and horror movies will no doubt have a good time with this Halloween tradition of suspense and gore.

New to DVD: "Family Guy" Volume 6 was released on DVD Tuesday. The latest DVD set of the ultra-popular franchise contains 12 episodes and special features including commentary with creator Seth MacFarlane, deleted scenes and a 100th episode celebration feature.

New album to check out: AC/DC's new album "Black Ice" was released Tuesday. The legendary hard rock band's first album in eight years has already gotten great reviews from "Rolling Stone" and "Spin" magazines. The album has also provided a rocking single in "Rock 'n Roll Train." The band has been playing more than 30 years and doesn't look to be stopping anytime soon as evidenced by "Black Ice."

Guilty pleasure song of the week: "Crush" by David Archuleta. No matter what type of music you like, it's hard to not like this infectious ode to teenage love. The "American Idol" runner-up has a beautiful and soulful voice put on display in this song and is already steadily rising through the Top 20 ranks. Be sure to catch this song on his new self-titled album which will be released on Nov. 11.

STROLLER

Your Man strikes up the band

OK, so I was at the football game this weekend. You know the one where Northwest embarrassed Fort Hays. Well I have a little bone to pick with the band.

Now don't get me wrong I have no personal vendettas against the band. It isn't like I was a sweet clarinet player who got cut from the band in high school or anything. But what I want to know is when did the extraordinary athletes in the band get the right criticize the football players?

There are no doubts the band has tremendous athletic ability, having to hold those heavy instruments for a full game; I think I even clocked one with a 4.5 forty during their sprints in the half time show, but when Fort Hays was down 49-0 and feeling a little embarrassed, the band let loose. All of a sudden the trumpets were no longer used for creating music but rather a megaphone used to talk crap.

I will be honest; I am a firm believer in good sportsmanship. You can be a good fan without looking like an idiot. Go ahead cheer for your team all you want say whatever you have to say about the other team, but when you're up 49 points against a team who isn't even your rival and still talking, you're no longer being a fan you're being a d-bag.

I would even be a little more understanding if it were those Shirtless Bearcats who were berating the other team. Oh, I mean a group of shirtless, wannabe athletes. You know those kids who come to college strictly to paint their bodies and memorize stupid facts about the opposing quarterback to "get inside their heads." That is why I would understand the lack of respect for Fort Hays coming from them; that is their social livelihood.

But the band? Come on, you guys walk around with feathers on your hats. I know most of you have spent your entire lives on the sidelines of sporting events, but that doesn't mean you know anything about sports. No one talks crap to you when you guys miss a note. Maybe when you guys trip out on the field, but come on, that's



The Stroller

hilarious.

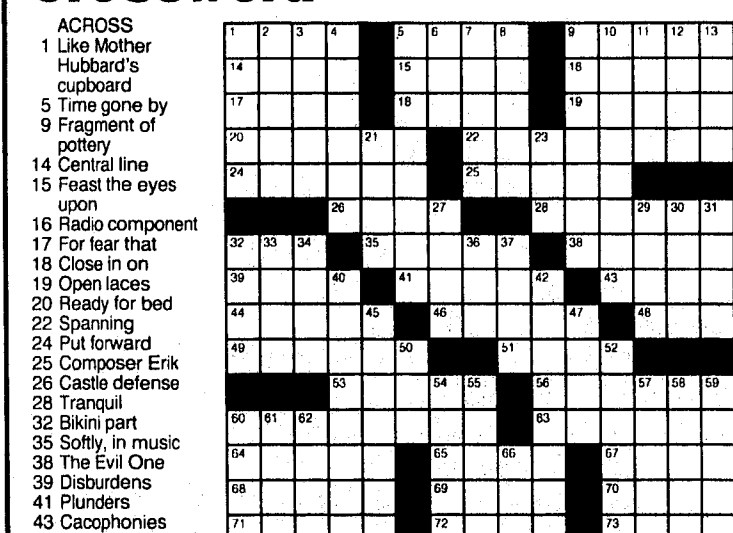
This is what I want to see: Big Moe comes running off the field, grabs one of the band members and throws them to the ground while screaming "That was suppose to be a B-flat you idiot." Until that day comes, lay off the quarterback for overthrowing his receiver.

I'll admit it must be hard. The fans sit through the entire game watching every play but halftime, your time to shine, well that's a time for getting food and bathroom breaks for the rest of us. You might have a little bit of bottled up anger toward athletes, but do me a favor; stick to blowing your horn and leave the football players alone, you bullies.

The band is supposed to be the basis of sportsmanship. You guys are supposed to lead us in cheering on our beloved Bearcats. Let's be pro-Bearcats not anti-opponent, unless it's Mo. West, then bash on.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

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ACROSS

1 Like Mother Hubbard's cupboard
5 Time gone by
9 Fragment of pottery
14 Central line
15 Feast the eyes upon
16 Radio component
17 For fear that
18 Close in on
19 Open faces
20 Ready for bed
22 Spanning
24 Put forward
25 Composer Erik
26 Castle defense
28 Tranquil
32 Skin part
33 Softly, in music
38 The Evil One
39 Discouraged
41 Plunders
43 Cacophonies
45 Indian names
46 Go for the pitch
48 R.E. of the CSA
49 Reduce in rank

DOWN

1 Most wood
2 Skater's leaps
3 Upbeats
4 High regard
5 Unisex hairstyle
6 Ripper
7 Thick pieces
8 -cotta
9 Examined in detail

10 Yarned (for)
11 Nay vote
12 Harness part
13 Sediment
21 Butress
23 - Now or never
27 New Mexico tourist attraction
29 Sn
30 Diamond complement
31 Will there be anything...?
32 Pit of "Seven Years in Tibet"
33 Hoarfrost
34 First grandfather
35 Rights
37 Elevator name
40 Insufficiency
42 Nestled
45 Moved slightly
47 Hickman of Hollywood
50 Vane dir.
52 River in a
53 Strauss waltz

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57 Island west of Maui
59 Viewpoint

60 Brewer's grain
61 Pieces of pelvises
62 Part of a flight
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REVIEW

'Everything is Borrowed' defines unique music genre

By Austin Buckner
Missourian Reporter

For those who have never had the opportunity to experience British trip-hop, The Streets gives you a perfect example of the unique genre with his fourth studio album, "Everything is Borrowed."

Mike Skinner, better known as music fans in the United Kingdom as The Streets, has been a staple of hip-hop in England for over seven years. He is also one of many forefathers of the United Kingdom's unique trip-hop music genre.

Trip-hop blends hip-hop, electronic, house, garage and a number of other genres. "Everything is Borrowed" is more than an example

of trip-hop music.

The album is a definition of the genre. It opens with a trippy space age sound and slams head first into a uniquely synthesized instrumental that The Streets is known for.

Trip-hop is also unique for its extremely laid back rhyme scheme. The Streets is no exception. The lyrics sound more like spoken word than rapping. However,

the song "The Way of the Dodo" features a slightly more aggressive and up-tempo style resembling the American style of rapping.

A majority of the album takes a stab at social issues and the complexity of love. The approach is very light hearted, almost to the point of subliminal messages.

The Streets is an artist who makes you sit down and think about the meaning of his lyrics. Fans of music with a message will appreciate The Streets' thoughtful provoking lyrics.

All in all, "Everything is Borrowed" is a decent album. American hip-hop fans may quickly tire of The Streets' laid back style. American hip-hop has recently sunk into club and dance hall music. The Streets is the exact opposite. However, if you're looking for a unique, new and fresh style this album is for you.

Don't bother running out to your local retail store, though. American citizens can only find "Everything is Borrowed" online. For those looking for a hard copy of the album, you can find it on Amazon.com.

For you digital download lovers, the album can be found on iTunes, Ruckus and other online distributors.

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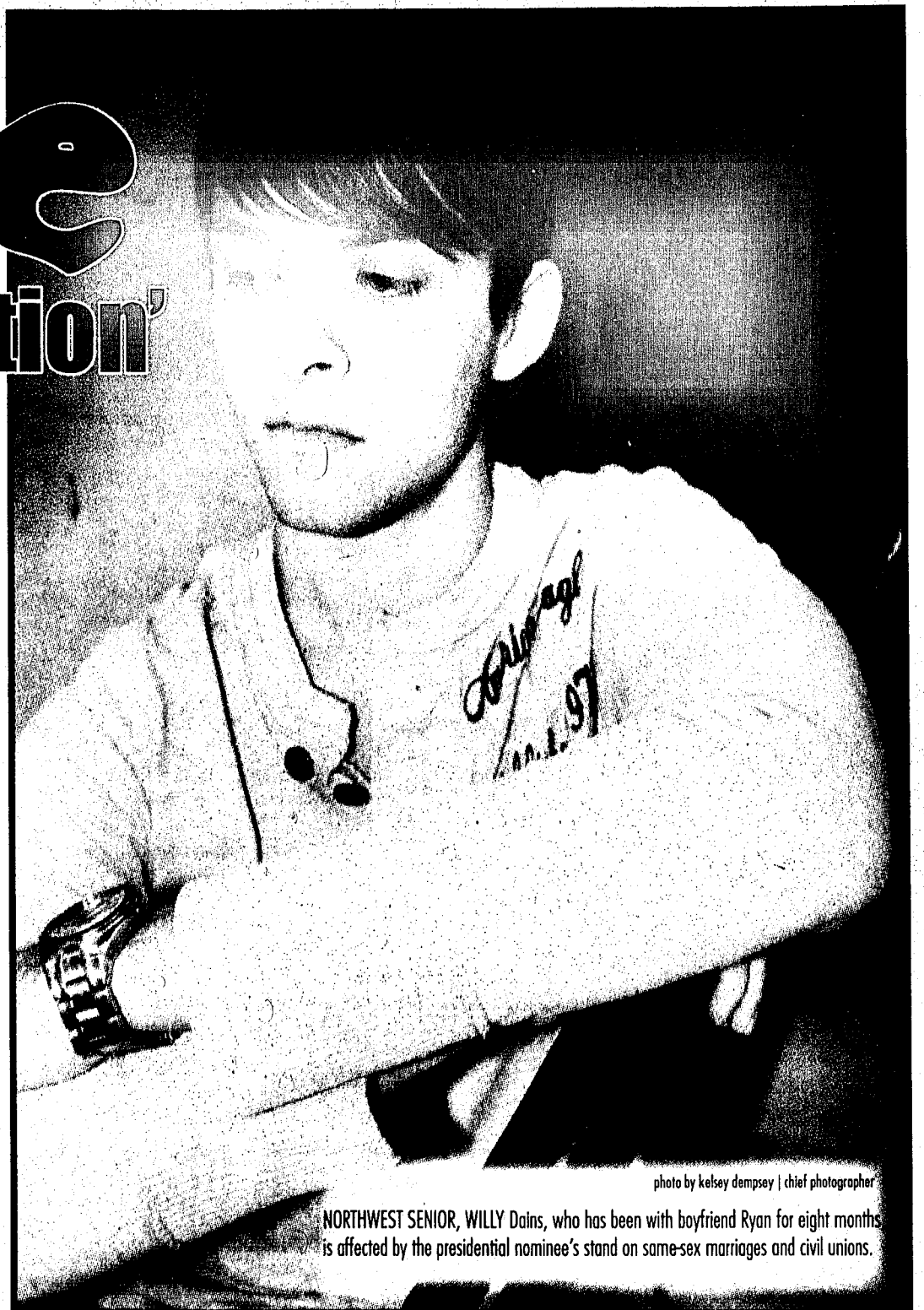


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NORTHWEST SENIOR, WILLY Dains, who has been with boyfriend Ryan for eight months is affected by the presidential nominee's stand on same-sex marriages and civil unions.

'I want equal marriage rights'

By Sydney Moore
Features Editor

A silver band on the left ring finger signifies commitment, love and unity. The simple ring can mean so much to the person wearing it and show the world how proud you are to be with the one you love.

Willy Dains wears his ring with boldness, dignity and courage. He also wears it to show his love for his boyfriend, Ryan.

Dains, 21, has been openly gay for three years. Telling his family and friends about his sexuality was a major life step, but Dains knew it was the right time to come out when he was 18.

"At first I was scared," he said. "It wasn't hard, it was just scary. The leading up to it was more difficult than actually coming out."

For Dains, the support of his family and friends helped to ease the situation.

"My family took it very well," he said. "My aunt's brother is gay, so it was easier for that part of the family."

"For the most part, my friends took it very well, also. Some I don't talk to anymore because they were just high school friends, but I still talk to my main friends."

Dains, and his boyfriend, Ryan, have been together for eight months. The couple, like all same-sex couples, is deeply affected by this year's presidential election.

Democratic nominee, Sen. Barack Obama has said he personally believes "marriage is between a man and a woman," but he supports granting civil unions to gay and lesbian couples.

Republican nominee, Sen. John McCain, however, does not agree with Sen. Obama's views on the topic. Although he has also stated marriage should solely be between a man and a woman, McCain says it should be regulated by each state.

The nominee's stand on the issue of same-sex unity is only one of the major topics that could potentially sway voters when they head to the polls on Nov. 4.

"I'm pretty much set," Dains said, in regards to who he will vote for. "I base my decision on the party, but knowing their stands on gay rights makes it all the better that I'm voting for Obama."

'I want affordable education'

By Lindsay Jacobs
Copy Editor

She attends classes at the Northwest, not only to better her life, but the lives of her children.

Heather Green is a single-mother raising three sons: Tristan, 10, Jordan, 7 and Hayden, 5.

Tristan attends Maryville Middle School. Jordan is enrolled at Eugene Field Elementary School and Hayden attends Head Start. The three boys are full of laughs and infectious smiles fill their faces.

Their mother tells them to stop being so silly.

Every day the boys go to school, while their mother attends classes at Northwest. She is pursuing a degree in Speech Communications.

"I'm hoping to be able to obtain a good job, even if I have I have to start out in a starting position, but eventually my education will help me be able to move up into management or something like that. Not just have to stay at (an entry-level) position, therefore I can get paid better so that I can provide a decent life for me and my three boys," Green said.

In the upcoming election, one of the bigger issues she and her children face is education.

While she is trying to earn her degree, Green, like many others, is going in debt, she said. She realizes when she graduates she will pay more than she borrowed.

Green said she hopes her children's education helps prepare them for the future.

"Hopefully they're building on the skills they have from the previous year, but learning new things that will help them in the future," Green said.

Democratic nominee Sen. Barack Obama's ideas for education includes giving higher education students tax breaks, if they complete 100 hours of community service.

"I'm not opposed to doing community service at all. I think it would be hard for me to be able to complete those just because of my lifestyle. Now if I was younger and didn't have any of these responsibilities, I think that (tax credit) would be a really good thing," Green said.

However, she is curious where the money will come from and predicts taxpayers will foot the bill. The initiative would help people go to college who otherwise couldn't afford it, Green said.

If Republican nominee Sen. John McCain gets elected, one of his goals regarding education is simplifying the financial aid programs.

"I think that would be nice if there was an easier way to apply for scholarships and financial aid, a lot of times, you just don't know what's out there," Green said.

When she goes to the polls, she and her sons' future will be on her mind.

"I definitely think that probably one of the major stands of my decision making will be the topic of education and how it's going to affect me and the future of my kids," Green said.



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HEATHER GREEN, A single mother of three, faces the challenges of paying for her college education while raising her children.

'I want to stay in Iraq until the job is done'

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Life can be pretty easy in the country with the highest per capita income in the world. You can visit huge shopping malls with all the trendiest stores. You can eat at Chili's or Ruby Tuesday or if you don't feel like going out, Burger King will deliver.

After dinner, you might drive past the \$2.8 billion sports complex built as part of a bid for the 2016 Olympic Games. Then, if you've seen enough of the city of Doha, you can drive 20 miles through the desert to Al Udeid Air Base and call your family back in the United States.

For Jamie Israel, a family and consumer sciences student who served at Al Udeid, life in Qatar, the desert nation east of Saudi Arabia, was anything but easy.

For 13 or 14 hours a day, six days a week, Israel drove a 6,000-gallon Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants (POL) truck used to refuel aircraft at the base. Some days she worked "the ramp," where fuel was stored in 210,000-gallon fabric-coated "bladders."

Israel, a Senior Airman with the Missouri Air National Guard, volunteered for a 40 day deployment from December 2007 to January 2008. Her husband Ben, a Master Sergeant with the 139th Security Forces Squadron of the Guard, had previously been deployed to Saudi Arabia in September 2002, returning on Christmas Eve that year.

Unlike Jamie, Ben had already served in

the Guard for eight years and did not expect to be sent overseas, he said.

"All of a sudden, September 11th happened. Reality struck," he said.

Before deploying to Qatar, Jamie was required to prepare for the worst, she said. She drew up a will, set power of attorney and burial arrangements and completed a family care plan, which designated guardians for her two sons, Coby, seven and Caden, five.

She bought the boys a globe to help them understand where she was going.

"I told them, 'This is where you guys are, and this is where Mommy's going to be,'" she said.

While Jamie was stationed in Qatar, Ben took time off from his regular job as a Highway Patrolman to take care of Coby and Caden. Jamie said the time without her kids was difficult, but she called and sent letters regularly.

Although their enlistment in the Guard precludes them from revealing their choice of candidates, Jamie and Ben said their military experience has shaped their political views and opinions regarding the upcoming election.

For one thing, Ben could be redeployed if necessary, which may depend on the decisions of the next president and Congress, Jaime said. Still, she hopes the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan continue until a clear victory is achieved.

"We will show weakness with the military pulling out of the war too soon," she said. "If

we end too quickly, we will be back where we were in 2001."

The leadership, discipline and patriotism developed in the military are important qualities for candidates, Israel said.

"I think every person who runs for office should have enlisted," she said.

Benefits are important to the family as well. Ben is eligible for retirement from the Guard in about six years, and Jamie relies on tuition assistance for her education.

Jamie's military benefits allowed her to return to Northwest, she said. Her tuition is covered, and she pays only partial fees for books, technology, health and activities. She also receives \$667 a month to help with additional costs.

She plans to teach family and consumer sciences after graduating from Northwest.

"It's so sad what's going on with the economy," she said, adding, "I'm excited to teach the financial aspect, about credit cards and balancing check books. I want to teach kids to live within their means."

Jamie previously earned a degree in criminal justice, but teaching will provide a stable career with a better schedule, she said.

Whatever the future holds for United States and its military, Jamie hopes the country will continue to support its troops.

"At first, you would hear about how appreciative people were," she said. "After a year, people blamed the military. They have to understand that we take orders from higher ups."